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BUFFALO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO THREATENING THE PRESIDENT

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Buffalo, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to threatening to take the life of the President of the United States.

Darrel David Alford, 56, of Buffalo, pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge James C. England this morning to the charge contained in an Aug. 12, 2004, federal indictment.

By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Alford** admitted that he threatened on Aug. 4, 2004, to kill President George W. Bush by flying a bomb-laden model airplane into an arena or stadium when the president would be speaking.

Under federal statutes, **Alford** could be subject to a sentence of up to five years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard E. Monroe. The case was investigated by the United States Secret Service.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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